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(U) Los Angeles – Eight Arrested Amid Looting and Vandalism After Dodgers' World Series Win

(U) Celebrations for the Dodgers' World Series win took a chaotic turn overnight in parts of Los Angeles, including in downtown where at least eight people were arrested, multiple officers were injured, a semi-truck was looted and a police vehicle and some businesses were vandalized. Two men were detained near a Footlocker, where at one point, LAPD officers surrounded the store, which had its windows smashed, as authorities believed the suspects were on the roof of the building.

SOURCE: 28 October 2020, ABC 7

(U) San Diego - Man Sentenced to 17 Years' Prison for Drug-Trafficking and Money-Laundering Ring

(U) A judge sentenced a 36-year-old Mexican citizen to 17 years in federal prison for his role in a drugtrafficking and money-laundering ring. Javier Felix Bayardo pleaded guilty in 2018 to two counts of conspiracy involving drug trafficking and money laundering and one count of possessing a firearm in connection with drug trafficking. Bayardo's crimes involved the drugs and weapons discovered during an August 2017 search of a storage unit. Authorities found more than 58 pounds of cocaine, about 1,070 pounds of illicit cannabis, more than two pounds of methamphetamine and five firearms, including a fully automatic rifle.

SOURCE: 27 October 2020, San Diego Union Tribune

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(U) District of Columbia - President Trump's Campaign Website Briefly Defaced in Cyber Attack

(U) Washington – President Trump's campaign website was briefly taken over by hackers who defaced the site on Tuesday. The defacement lasted less than 30 minutes, but the incident came as Mr. Trump's campaign and that of his opponent, Joseph R. Biden Jr., as well as law enforcement and intelligence agencies, have been on high alert for digital interference ahead of next week's election. In a statement, Tim Murtaugh, a spokesman for the Trump campaign, confirmed the website's defacement and said it was "working with law enforcement authorities to investigate the source of the attack." He added, "There was no exposure to sensitive data because none of it is actually stored on the site. The website has been restored."

SOURCE: 27 October 2020, The New York Times

(U) Idaho – Men Charged with Conspiring to Sell Hard-to-Trace Guns

(U) Boise – A former US Marine and another man were charged with participating in a money-making conspiracy to build hard-to-trace firearms and distribute them in North Carolina. Ex-Marine Jordan Duncan, 25, and Paul James Kryscuk, 35, each waived hearing in the case, and will be transferred to that state. The case also involves another former Marine, 21-year-old Liam Montgomery Collins. Court documents say the conspiracy involved Collins and Kryscuk manufacturing and selling hard-to-obtain

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firearms and firearm parts so purchasers of the weapons would be unknown to government authorities. Collins and Kryscuk are charged with conspiracy to manufacture unregistered weapons and ship them across state lines without a license. They each could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted. SOURCE: 27 October 2020, Associated Press

(U) Kentucky – Ex-Postal Service Worker Charged with Tossing Absentee Ballots in Dumpster

(U) Louisville – A former US Postal Service worker was charged with tossing dozens of absentee ballots and other mail that was found in a dumpster. DeShawn Bojgere, 30, was charged with delay or destruction of mail. The mail included approximately 111 general election absentee ballots that were being mailed from the Jefferson County clerk's office to voters, as well as 69 mixed class pieces of mail, 320 second-class pieces of mail and two national election campaign flyers. Bojgere told agents that he was responsible for discarding the mail, prosecutors said. He faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

SOURCE: 27 October 2020, Associated Press

(U) Ohio - 179 Arrested in Human Trafficking Sting

(U) Cleveland – A month-long operation recently turned up 45 missing children and led to 179 arrests, in an operation dubbed Autumn Hope, the US Marshals Service in Ohio and Virginia tracked the children, including a high-risk 15-year-old girl, who was linked to suspected human trafficking. Twenty other children were also located. Autumn Hope was conducted by the marshals in conjunction with the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, as well as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and state and local agencies in Ohio.

SOURCE: 27 October 2020, NY Post

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(U) France – Security Tight Amid Fallout from Teacher Beheading

(U) Paris – France is increasing security at religious sites as the interior minister said that the country faces a very high risk of terrorist threats, amid growing geopolitical tensions following the beheading of a teacher who showed his class caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad. France's national police have called for increased security around the All Saint's holiday this coming weekend, particularly noting online threats from extremists against Christians and moderate French Muslims.

SOURCE: 27 October 2020, Associated Press

(U) Niger - State Department Says US Citizen Abducted

(U) Massalata – Six gunmen on motorbikes with AK-47 assault rifles kidnapped an American man from his home on the edge of a rural village in southern Niger in the early hours of Tuesday, multiple sources said. The kidnappers seized 27-year-old Philip Walton, at around 0145 local time, a police source said. The US State Department confirmed an American citizen had been abducted in Niger, but gave no further details. Walton does not work for the US government or any US-linked organization, the sources said. The police source said that the perpetrators appeared to be from the Fulani ethnic group and they spoke Hausa and some English. They asked for money and searched the house before leaving with Walton.

SOURCE: 27 October 2020, Reuters

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